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Subject: RE: Summary response to peer review comments on the Yakima Report and Communications with Regions on the Lab Enterprise Work
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Before I send to Joyce: thoughts

Joyce,

We sent a draft report dated December 16th 2011 to the four external reviewers and scientists in ORD and Region 10 for review. We received comments and considered those comments in the subsequent drafts. The final report did include more specific information on the dairies and the crop fields than the draft report. This was done to address comments by several of third party reviewers and scientists in ORD and Region 10 who suggested we needed to provide more information on the potential sources.

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From: Kelly, Joyce
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Subject: FW: Summary response to peer review comments on the Yakima Report and Communications with Regions on the Lab Enterprise Work
Hi Mike – Glenn's message.
Joyce

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From: Paulson, Glenn
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2013 2:39 PM
To: Kelly, Joyce
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Subject: RE: Summary response to peer review comments on the Yakima Report and Communications with Regions on the Lab Enterprise Work
Hi, Joyce. I will have no further comments on the Sept. 2012 report at this time. However, in a meeting earlier today, I was told that a very early draft of the report had some sort of review, and that draft was changed after that (perhaps quite a lot)—this step was not described in what was attached to your e-mail, and if what I heard is accurate, it probably should be. Then the subsequent draft was reviewed by the small group that is identified in the report as published.
Re the lab study, on the 17th I am scheduled to co-chair the second of five technical workshops on the ORD drinking water/HF study, as I am doing for all the others. It is an all day meeting, and it would be bad form for me to vanish even for a short time, except during the lunch break east coast

time. If you (and Michelle) think it is essential for some presentation to be made on that specific day, please work out with Dale whether I could do it during the workshop's lunch break or whether he could take care of this on my behalf.

Re help on the broader communication plan, I very much appreciate your offer. Dale will make sure you (or someone else from Region 10) is plugged in to its development. I would hope we would have at least the early stages of the plan in place and even in operation within a month. There are several moving parts which need to be linked like gears in a machine, but I am convinced that the lab enterprise team needs to start taking advantage of regularly scheduled EPA events as soon as possible.

Best, Glenn

From: Kelly, Joyce

Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2013 7:02 PM

To: Paulson, Glenn

Subject: Summary response to peer review comments on the Yakima Report and Communications with Regions on the Lab Enterprise Work

Hello Glenn:

I hope you're doing well. It's always good to see you via VTC on the Lab Enterprise calls and to hear the benefit of your experience and leadership.

This email covers two topics: 1) the Region 10 summary response to comments regarding peer review on the September 2012 Yakima Report; and 2) communication with Regions on activities to assess Labs.

The Yakima Report: I understand that you are reviewing the Region 10 September 2012 Yakima Report and comments received from the public input period. I'm writing to share with you our summary response to the comments regarding peer review. Your review of our summary response, in the attached file, is appreciated. Our timeline includes releasing the response to comments Tuesday of next week (3/19); it would be great to receive your comments as early as possible. Please let me know any questions and/or recommendations.

Communications with Regions on Lab Enterprise Work: As part of our Lead Region role, we are very interested in working with you to develop and implement a communication plan that engages regional management (RS&T Directors, Lab Managers, and others) in EPA Lab assessment activity. Additionally, Dennis McLerran let me know of your inquiry on approaches to reach-out to regional offices. I would very much like to talk with you about ideas and can accommodate your availability. Please let me know how you prefer to move forward and/or any dates and times you would like to discuss components of a communication plan. This topic is extremely important to the RS&T community.

Meanwhile, you may already know that Region 10 sent a message to Sharnett inviting you to the April 17 RS&T Meeting. The RS&T community greatly valued your engagement in our meeting last year where you provided timely information and dialogue on the Agency response to the GAO Audit and Lab Enterprise Work Group. With progress made since that meeting, and a desire to keep the Regional Science and Technology Directors engaged, we are inviting you to the meeting next month. If you are able to participate, we will also invite Michelle Pirzadeh and the regional Lab Directors. If the 17th doesn't work, we'll schedule to meet your availability.

Thank you, in advance, for your review of our summary response to the Yakima peer review comments and for actions to engage regional offices in the activities to assess laboratories. We appreciate it very much.

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